

Appl. No. 10/648,154
Amtd. dated October 5, 2006
Reply to Office Action of July 10, 2006

Remarks

The present amendment responds to the Advisory Action dated September 26, 2006.

Claims 17-24 and 26-41 were allowed. Claims 1, 4, 6-15, and 42-44 were rejected.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 42-44 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 13-24 and 26-41 remain pending.

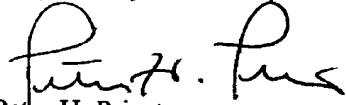
Interview Summary

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of a telephone interview with Dr. Pechanek on October 3, 2006 concerning the above case. Clarification of the status of claims 13-16 was discussed. Claims 13-16 depend from claim 17 which was allowed. The Examiner agreed that all claims depending from claim 17 are allowed.

Conclusion

All of the presently pending claims 13-24 and 26-41 stand allowed. All non-allowed claims have been canceled placing this case in order for prompt allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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